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SUBJECT: BLS ENERGY CRISIS

REFS: A) STATE 242174 (NOTAL); B) MBABANE 3092 (NOTAL)

1. BLS DELEGATES MET MASERU WEEK DECEMBER 2 TO DISCUSS ENERGY CRISIS. UNUSUAL RETICENCE PREVAILING AND INFORMATION FRAGMENTARY HERE . HOWEVER IT APPEARS ONE APPROACH WILL BE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY IMPORTING ENOUGH NIGERIAN CRUDE FOR BLS NEEDS TO RSA REFINERY (DURBAN MENTIONED) ON "UNDERSTANDING
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WITH RSA THAT EQUIVALENT REFINED STOCKS WILL BE RELEASED FOR

BLS. IN ADDITION, OBVIOUS POLITICAL AND LOGISTIC PROBLEMS
THERE IS FURTHER TECHNICAL PROBLEM WHETHER NIGERIAN CRUDE
COMPATIBLE WITH RSA REFINERIES.

2. ONE SWAZI MINISTER WHO NOT RPT NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN
COPING WITH ENERGY CRISIS HAS ASKED CASUALLY WHAT U.S.
REACTION WOULD BE TO BLS OR GOS REQUEST TO FLY IN GASOLINE
BY USAF TANKER. EQUALLY CASUAL RESPONSE TO MINISTER WAS
TO EFFECT THIS KIND OF ASSISTANCE USUALLY MULTI-NATIONAL
AND RESERVED FOR GREAT NATURAL DISASTERS.
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